

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 10th April 2011

IRTS Awards Presented at IRTS AGM 2011

A full listing of award winners at the recent IRTS AGM held in Limerick and their prizes can be obtained by logging onto www.irts.ie

Up-Coming IRTS Contests

1. 2m Counties Contest Monday April 25th 2011. From 2pm till 4pm. Log to be submitted by May 25th.

2. CW Field Day Sat 4th/ Sun 5th June 2011. Log to be submitted by June 5th.

Calling all active VHF and Higher operators we are trying to get the 2010 Squares table finalized on IRTS.ie on the right hand side. So can anyone that was active on the VHF bands last year please send you Square totals or your log and I can work it out for you to EI2GLB /at/ hotmail / dot/.com . To see the squares table go to www.irts.ie and click on vhf/uhf/shf on the right side of the home page.

North Cork Radio Club

North Cork Radio Group will be active from the 29th of April through 2nd of May and during International Marconi Day.

The call used will be EI-0-IMD from the Mizen head Signal Station, Goleen in West Cork and the duration will be 24hours. NCRG will also use EI1NC/P for the remainder of the weekend until May 2nd. Members attending are Anthony EI3GAB, Pat EI2GHB, Padraig EI5GEB and Claus EI7JZ although other members may operate in short burst while visiting the station.

North Cork would also like to advise of another premium upcoming event for CASHOTA / WAI hunters. EI1NC/P this time will activate Blarney Castle, Co Cork on June 4th 5th & 6th. The event is being run in conjunction with Cashota Ireland and the awards designator will be EI010/C. further details on the CASHOTA Awards program can be obtained via cashota-ireland.org further upcoming events will be advised through IRTS News service and at the Groups Home page www.ei1nc.com

International Marconi Day

International Marconi Day takes place this year on Saturday 30th April. The Howth Martello Radio Group will be participating once again as an award station using the call-sign EI0MAR.

This is not a contest but there are several nice awards available for working the officially listed stations, each of which has an historic connection with Marconi. The event is organised by the Cornish Amateur Radio Club. For more information please visit the club's website crac.g4usb.net/cracblog/

EI0MAR operates from the Martello Tower overlooking the East Pier in Howth. The tower now houses a vintage radio museum. In 1905 the British Post Office carried out wireless telegraphy experiments at the tower in Howth using Marconi equipment.

Visitors are always welcome at the museum and the group hopes to see many visitors during the IMG event in April. The HMRG's website is www.ei0mar.org where a free information booklet in PDF format can be downloaded.

South East Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and the Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club will ensure that Ireland again has its say in the 2011 International Geopark Communication weekend on 28 & 29 May, with special stations, likely EI2GEO again, at the Copper Coast Geopark and, likely GB2MAC again, at the Marble Arch Caves International Geopark in Fermanagh which straddles the border into Cavan.

Louth Erne Amateur Radio Club Annual Rally

The Louth Erne Annual Rally takes place on April 17th.

Venue is the Share Centre, Lisnaskea Co. Fermanagh BT92 0EQ

Doors open 11:30 a.m. Contact: Iain 028/048 66326693. EMail: iain /at/ learc.eu See www.lougherneradioclub.co.uk

Bring and Buy, Food, on-site parking Access from Erne/Shannon Waterway

Lough Erne Rally Raffle Prize

Nevada, the major amateur radio retailer has donated an Alinco DJ 596 E.

It will be raffled at the Pearl Anniversary Lough Erne Rally next Sunday 17 April.

This neat handheld VHF and UHF transceiver has an output of 5 watts.

Other features include a theft alarm and mosquito repel feature

For more on Nevada go to www.nevadaradio.co.uk

With much improved roads, travel north to this Rally is much improved.

The Lough Erne party drove to the March Limerick rally in three hours.

In February their journey to Dublin's Phoenix rally took 2 hours.

South Dublin Radio Club

This Tuesday 12th of April Tom EI7HT will be demonstrating Antenna Analysers and how they can be used help test and build VHF aerials.

On Tuesday 19th April Mike EI3DY will give a presentation to South Dublin Radio Club on the newer digital modes like JT65 that enable worldwide communications with low power with modest antennas.

He will discuss the relevance of beacon and propagation reporter systems like WSPR pronounced "Whisper", PSK Reporter and others.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society

The AGM of Dundalk Amateur Radio Society will be held at 8pm May 4th at 'Larkin House' 113, Castletown Road, Dundalk. All members are requested to attend. New members always welcome.

DX News

A group of German operators will be active from Togo during the period 15 – 28 April. They will be QRV on all bands 160 – 10m using the callsign 5V7CC. QSLs go via DL9MBI.

For the XYL chasers Anne OH2YL will be on the Island of St Barthelemy in the Caribbean from 15 – 27 April signing FJ/OH2YL. Operation will be on CW only. QSL via the home call or via Logbook of the World.

For those who need Central Kiribati an international team will be on from Kanton Island from 17 – 28 April with the callsign T31A. QSLs are via W2IJ or Logbook of the World.

The Italian DXpedition to Liberia still has a few days to run. For the prefix chasers this is a chance to get a rare one as the group are using the callsign 5M2TT instead of the usual EL prefix and are QRV on 80m through 6m. Another thing to mention is that the online log is updated immediately a QSO takes place. QSLs go via I2YSB.

Two Dutch operators will sign PJ2/PA7JWC and PJ2/PD7DB from the Island of Curacao from 15 – 22 April. This one counts for IOTA SA-099 and is one of the new DXCC entities in the Caribbean since last October.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be

submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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